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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent Application please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.